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(S) UNDERSTANDING OF AND FAVORABLE DISPOSITION TOWARD LEBANON.
TAKLA HOPES HE MIGHT BE APPRISED OF ANY SUCH STATEMENT IN
ADVANCE.

IN EXPRESSING APPRECIATION FOR STEP WHICH GOL HAS
TAKEN, I CAUTIONED ABU IZZEDDIN THAT USG ACTIONS
INEVITABLE MUST BE GOVERNED BY LAW AND IN THIS CASE
SECTION 107 OF AID LEGISLATION, TEXT OF WHICH HAD BEEN
SENT TO FONMINISTRY. I SAID FOR EXAMPLE IF ANY LEB-
REGISTERED SHIP CARRIES ARMS TO CUBA USG REACTION IS
AUTOMATIC AND EVEN PRESIDENT CANNOT WAIVE IT. I NOTED
THAT ALL OF MY DISCUSSION HAS BEEN WITHOUT INSTRUCTIONS
AND THAT UNDOUBTEDLY WITHIN NEXT FEW DAYS THERE WOULD
BE MORE FOR TAKLA AND ME TO TALK ABOUT.

(S) COMMENT. GOL IS OBVIOUSLY UNHAPPY THAT WORLD
MAY BE GETTING IMPRESSION THAT LEBANON IS ENGAGING
IN INTERNATIONAL GUN-RUNNING, ETC. WHILE NOT RPT NOT
DIVERSE HAVING LEBS SQUIRM A BIT, EMBASSY CONTINUES OF
BELIEF THAT AS LONG AS PROBLEM COMES UNDER SECTION
107(B) PRESIDENTIAL DETERMINATION SHOULD BE MADE THAT
STOPPING SMALL AMOUNT OF RESIDUAL AID HERE WOULD BE
CONTRARY TO OUR NATIONAL INTEREST.

REQUEST DEPT. NOT RPT NOT ANNOUNCE PUBLICLY GOL'S
DEFERRAL OF NEW REGISTRATIONS UNLESS AND UNTIL WE HAVE
OBTAINED GOL APPROVAL TO DO SO.

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